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Planned Parenthood of Illinois appoints new President and Chief Executive Officer

Carole Brite brings decade of commitment to Planned Parenthood, 25 years of financial and management experience to new role

CHICAGO – The Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of Illinois (PPIL) announced today that it has appointed Carole Brite as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. Brite most recently served as interim CEO of PPIL. She served as Board Treasurer for more than 10 years. Prior to joining the staff at Planned Parenthood, she was a partner and managing director at RSM McGladrey in Chicago.

“Carole has the management savvy, experience and deep commitment to our organization and mission that we need to lead Planned Parenthood of Illinois” said PPIL Board Chairman Rev. Randall Doubet-King. “She has the vision and the know-how to achieve our goals.”

PPIL is the preeminent provider of reproductive health care and education in Illinois. Each year, PPIL's 17 health centers throughout the state deliver vital health care services, sex education and sexual health information to more than 60,000 women and families each year.

PPIL's health care services include life saving cancer screenings, breast health care, gynecological exams, contraceptive services, sexually transmitted infection prevention and treatment and much more.

“Growing up in a small town where information, reproductive health care and support were hard to find, I know how important it is that we are here for women and families in every corner of our state. In this economic downturn, our mission has never been more urgent,” said Brite. “We must bring Illinoisans the reproductive health care and education they need to stay healthy, and we must continue to fight for the reproductive rights that are at risk everyday.”

PPIL is also the leading voice for reproductive justice for women and families in Illinois, working tirelessly for policies that protect access to comprehensive reproductive health care.

“Our mission is threatened every day: by extremist politicians, conservative jurists, harassment at our health centers and health care policies that could roll back our progress unless we remain ever vigilant,” said Brite.

Brite's priorities include expanding access to reproductive health care services and education to more communities and families across Illinois, empowering diverse voices from every community to speak up for reproductive health and justice and pursuing policies that protect the safety and privacy of patients and staff.

“After a decade of service to Planned Parenthood of Illinois, my commitment and priority remains the same; to ensure that we are always here and that all women, men and teens can count on us,” said Brite.

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Planned Parenthood of Illinois (PPIL) provides affordably priced high-quality reproductive health care services to women and families throughout Illinois. Through health care services, educational programs and advocacy efforts, PPIL works to ensure and protect the reproductive rights of each individual. For more information, visit www.ppil.org.